

Smoothline Stage Notes are designed to provide rally teams with high-quality, succinct directions that are easy to digest. Our mission is to assist drivers and co-drivers to enjoy each event by empowering them to safely perform to the best of their potential. We aim to drive the Smoothline because smooth is fast, and smooth is safe.

Who are Steve Glenney and Bernie Webb?

Steve & Bernie have more than 3 decades combined experience in rallying at all levels of the sport, during which time they have excelled in both Tarmac and Gravel disciplines. To date Steve and Bernie have been signed to a range of factory backed teams for Tarmac, Gravel and Cross-Country Rallies as well as Off Road. An overview of their achievements can be found on the next page.

Where do Smoothline Stage Notes come from?

Creating good Stage Notes (or pacenotes as they are otherwise known) requires a blend of art and science. Good notes provide an exact description of where the road goes, and should assist the user in driving the perfect line through every corner. Likewise, good notes provide the co-driver with visual cues that facilitate the delivery of each note with correct timing. Creating such a set of notes requires the balanced input of both an experienced driver and co-driver.

At Smoothline we believe Stage Notes are more than a set of directions, rather they are what bonds a driver, a co-driver and a car. Stage notes that are used effectively can empower a team to perform well while safely enjoying the experience.

It is well known that not every driver likes a car to have the same handling characteristics, and the same is true for Stage Notes. Accordingly Smoothline offer 3 variants, each with the same measured consistency but prepared to different levels of complexity. This structure allows each team to determine exactly how much information is called during each competitive stage.

Preparation of Smoothline Stage Notes involves careful evaluation of all road features including crests, corner progressions and corner lengths, each of which affect the driving line. These Stage Notes help teams perfect the line through each corner, taking some on a gentle journey of discovery as subtle differences are revealed.

Our philosophy is to produce notes that allow a driver to “just listen and drive”, reducing the need to process excess information and make critical decisions at speed. In achieving this, each word is selected carefully and placed in the order in which the driver needs to react. Smoothline Stage Notes describe the nature of every corner without crowding the stream of information.



The co-driver's needs are given equal attention. Intuitive symbols and timing cues are used, and every line and page break are chosen carefully. These measures make smooth, timely delivery of the notes achievable. Frequent "cumulative distance" measurements are recorded in the notes along with visual landmarks. These give the co-driver confidence they are calling the correct notes and would help minimise the time spent "off notes" should anything go awry.

Should I use the 1-6 or 1-10 format?

Latte or cappuccino? STi or Evo? There are arguments for and against both, but in the end the decision is personal. That said, we encourage any crews who do not have a particular bias to walk the 1-10 path. Smoothline Stage Notes are available in both 1-6 and 1-10 formats, with both of our systems giving exactly the same number of options (because 1-6 uses plusses).

When choosing which system to use, consider the time it takes a co-driver to say each word in any set of Stage Notes, remembering that the car is travelling toward the upcoming corner. In turn, limiting the volume of information in the Stage Notes gives the driver more time to hear, process and react to each call.

Consider these two options for calling the same pair of corners:

- "left five plus into triple caution right two plus"
- "nine left into danger three right"

What does Smoothline provide?

At Smoothline we provide a range of Stage Note options to cater for both your current and future needs. Our notes are crafted by one of the most successful pairings in Australian Rallying who are available to provide backup support by listening and assisting you wherever possible. Tapping into Steve and Bernie's experience through Smoothline can give you the confidence to safely drive to the best of your potential while enjoying the experience.



Record of Achievement - Steve Glenney / Bernie Webb

Tarmac



Gravel



Circuit

Rallycross



Cross Country

